

METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING SUPPLIER INFORMATION

ABSTRACT

[0081] Methods and systems for providing supplier information using a computer network. In one embodiment, the method is implemented on a general-purpose computer by a user who accesses a supplier search web page. The user searches for a supplier in this embodiment by selecting a desired supplier skill or region from a drop-down list provided on the web page. After a skill or region has been selected, another web page is displayed containing a list of suppliers who meet the selected criteria. By selecting the name of one of the listed suppliers, the user can automatically retrieve detailed information regarding that supplier. In addition to supplier contact information, this information can include supplier work history and work quality information. In one embodiment, a name of a contact individual who has worked with the supplier can also be provided. This individual may then be contacted by the user to obtain further details of interest regarding the supplier. In other embodiments, the supplier search web page can include one or more various supplier search tools, such as a skill search tool, a region search tool, a rollover map search tool and an advanced search tool.